

Heart Link seminar welcomes spouses to Columbus AFB

The family support center will sponsor a free Heart Link seminar for enlisted and officer spouses new to the military or Columbus AFB from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. May 22.

The event will feature guest speakers with information about the local area, Air Force mission, customs, traditions and protocols.

“This is a creative, interactive and entertaining program because the information will be delivered so that participants will have to practice their agency-finding techniques,” said Lee Chouinard, Heart Link master of ceremonies. “People learn a lot faster if they’re being challenged and having fun.”

Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and his wife Ms. Nancy Wilson will teach the military “Grip and Grin” tradition and present the participants with an official Air Education and Training Command Heart Link coin. Spouses will also receive a Heart Link tote and binder full of quick reference information about Columbus AFB, community facilities, policies and regulations.

“This program is very informative,” said Kacy Parie, a previous Heart Link participant. “This is definitely something spouses should attend if they’re experiencing Columbus AFB or the Air Force for the first time.”

Seats for the next Heart Link seminar are limited, and registration is required by Tuesday. Childcare vouchers are also available if needed. To sign up or for more information, call Ms. Chouinard at Ext. 2790 or 2631. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

Future Air Force leaders



U.S. Air Force Photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the most recent enlisted promotees. Pictured are from left to right (front) to airman first class: Jessica Bond, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; to airman: Sierra Gibson, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Alexandria Hunt, 14th OSS; to master sergeant: Julie Harring, 14th MDOS; to staff sergeant: MaRyha Self, 14th Mission Support Squadron; Nicole Pitman, 14th Security Forces Squadron; to technical sergeant: Sarah Swift, 14th Medical Support Squadron; (back) to master sergeant: Mark Olson, 14th SFS; Jason Cothren, 14th MDSS; to airman first class: Antjuan Hill, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Jayson Dinsmoor, 14th MDSS; to staff sergeant, Joshua Pitman, 14th SFS; to senior airman: Theodore Owens; 14th SFS; to staff sergeant: Michael Bradford, 14th CES; to airman: Joseph Song, 14th MDOS. Not pictured are: to airman: Amanda Hughes, 50th Flying Training Squadron; to airman first class: Jonnie Moore, 14th CES; to senior airman: Ronnie Boothe, 14th OSS; Hazel Butler, 14th OSS; Rebekah Quinn, 14th MDSS.

DOD announces increase in foreign language pay

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced Wednesday an increase effective June 1 in Foreign Language Proficiency Pay, or FLPP, for service-members who qualify.

The fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the secretary of defense to increase FLPP pay from a maximum of \$300 per month to a maximum of \$1,000 per month for qualified active-duty members and offer a \$6,000 per year bonus for qualified Guard and Reserve members.

Enhancing the department's FLPP program is a critical facet of the overall defense language transformation initiative. The program aims to:

— Encourage more people to study a language. The Defense Language Program must stimulate the acquisi-

tion of language skills and be able to maintain language skills of strategic importance to the department.

— Encourage people with a language capability to identify themselves in order to employ the language skills existing in the force.

— Encourage people to increase their language proficiency to create a cadre of language professionals operating at an advanced level of proficiency.

— Increase the capability in languages of strategic need to the department.

The enhanced program will emphasize languages needed to support the war on terrorism, the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and those of strategic importance to DOD. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Airmen make history during mission in Iraq

POPE AFB, N.C. — Five Airmen have joined aviation pioneers Gen. Henry H. “Hap” Arnold, Gen. James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle and Brig. Gen. Charles “Chuck” Yeager in a select group — all are recipients of the Clarence Mackay Trophy.

To the five-person crew, the flight over northern Iraq that put them in the record books was much like any other mission they would fly. To the Iraqi Air Force and those connected with them, it represented much more.

The crewmembers are:

— Maj. Michael Frame, aircraft commander and instructor pilot. He is assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron here.

— Maj. Brian Lewis, instructor pilot, also assigned to the 41st AS.

— Master Sgt. Thomas Lee, instructor flight engineer, assigned to the 37th AS at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

— Senior Master Sgt. John Spillane, instructor loadmaster, assigned to the 50th AS at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

— Master Sgt. Corey Turner, instructor loadmaster, assigned to the 40th AS at Dyess AFB, Texas.

The mission, called “Train 60,” was the first operational combat mission flown by an all-Iraqi aircrew. It was also the first time a U.S. Air Force advisory support team provided initial qualification training while in a combat zone on an operational mission.

As if that weren’t enough, the flight acted as the inaugural Iraqi “Air Force One” by transporting then Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and his deputy from Baghdad to Al Sulaimani, a newly constructed civil airport.

The Airmen were deployed to Iraq to help train Iraqi Air Force crews on C-130 Hercules.

“We were living right with them,” Major Frame said. “It was U.S. tent, Iraqi tent, U.S. tent, Iraqi tent. That was by design so we could get to know each other.”

“The greatest challenge was the language barrier,” Major Lewis said. “If I were to speak something, they would understand what I meant, but if I asked them a question, answering it became a problem.”

After months of training, the first Iraqi crew was ready for initial qualification training.

The U.S. crew was hand-picked by the 18th Air Force commander to fly the Feb. 13, 2005, mission while instructing the Iraqi crew.

It started like any other mission. The crew performed pre-flight checks and helped the passengers prepare for the journey.

“There was one Iraqi Airman in each crew position,” Major Frame said. “It was the pilot’s first flight in the Iraqi C-130E.”

Because the crew was flying into an area they had never been to before, they weren’t sure what to expect.

“We flew up there not knowing if the hills had people with rockets or how secure the area was,” Major Frame said.

“We knew that this particular mission was hazardous due to the nature of flying the prime minister into a new, uncontrolled, unsecured airfield,” Sergeant Spillane said. “We also knew the mission was diplomatically important but we were all just trying to do our job to the best of our ability.”

Mid-flight, the crew was notified that weather conditions at their destination were deteriorating. Because of the weather and the need for quick communication, Major Lewis took control of navigation.

He led the plane on a low-level path through the mountains. Their altitude, about 1,500 feet, combined with the mountainous terrain, made it impossible for radar at Kirkuk Air Base to follow them, so they resorted to visual procedures.

“When we got to the airfield we were looking for a black asphalt runway,” Major Frame said. “We saw a beautiful terminal, but the runway and taxiway didn’t match what we thought they should look like. We checked and saw the coordinates all matched. We did a pass over the field and saw the runway wasn’t suitable for landing. It was about three-quarters of the way complete and was missing large 50-foot sections. The taxiway was complete and was large enough for us to land on.

“There was no communication, no operational tower or anyone with a radio. Nobody had contacted anyone on the ground,” Major Frame said.

The crew did another low pass to look at the taxiway from the side to make sure there were no obstructions along the path.

“We had to transition to assault procedures in mid-flight,” Major Frame said. “Now, I have a guy piloting that I’ve never even seen land on a normal runway, so I ended up coming around and making the landing myself.”

Once on the ground, the prime minister thanked the crews and gave the Iraqi crewmembers gifts to commemorate the historic flight.

“It was exciting because it was historic, but it was just another mission,” Major Lewis said. “I’m just as excited every time we get to take an Army guy when he’s on his way home. You can see the expressions



Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

Majs. Michael Frame and Brian Lewis are two members of the aircrew that received the Clarence Mackay Trophy, an annual award given for the most meritorious flight of the year by an Air Force person, persons or organization. In addition to the majors, who are stationed at Pope AFB, N.C., the other crew members are Senior Master Sgt. John Spillane, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Master Sgt. Thomas Lee, Ramstein AB, Germany; and Tech. Sgt. Corey Turner, Dyess AFB, Texas.

of people getting off the plane that what we’re doing is accomplishing multiple missions. We’re getting guys home that have been working hard and while they were there, they’re doing a job that’s helping the Iraqi people who I consider friends after working with them.”

“My lasting memory of the mission is knowing that there are Americans who will volunteer to fly anywhere at anytime in the name of democracy and protect the United States and our way of life,” Sergeant Spillane said.

“When the weather was deteriorating, when we couldn’t contact anyone on the ground, when we found the airfield was still under construction and different than planned and knowing that security on the ground was less than desired, the crew of Train 60 did what was necessary to get the job done,” Sergeant Spillane said. “We made sure we were safe, we took care of our Iraqi students and we delivered in the fashion

that the world has come to expect from C-130 tactical airlift crews.”

“It was truly an honor to work with the Iraqi people and help them develop an air force,” Sergeant Turner said. “Many of the Iraqi Airmen faced tremendous pressure from insurgent forces not to be a part of building the new government, and yet they responded with a brave determination to be a part of something special. I was truly impressed and honored to be a part of that team.”

The Clarence Mackay Trophy is an annual award given for the most meritorious flight of the year by an Air Force person, persons or organization.

The crew will be presented with their award by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley in November. *(Public affairs reporters from the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas, and the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock AFB, Ark., contributed to this article.)*

Speaker’s Bureau

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can visit the public affairs office or call Ext. 7068.

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Airman shares experiences, wishes CAFB farewell

Senior Airman Nicole Paille
14th Medical Operations Squadron

I have had my share of disappointments in the Air Force, starting with a job I wasn't thrilled about. There was a cross-training situation that still didn't turn out the way I had hoped – even with all the packages and work. Being sandwiched between those two circumstances have been some very challenging situations. However, I have also had my share of positive experiences in the Air Force, and that number far exceeds the number of disappointments.

Among the positive is the fact that I ended up blessed with wonderful coworkers, supervisors and individuals in my chain of command who didn't judge me by what others said, but by the way I performed. They encouraged, supported and appreciated all my efforts.

As most of you know I have been an active member of the Columbus AFB Honor Guard for three and a half years. It has been the most rewarding job I have ever had and it was one of the main reasons I decided to reenlist. I was waiting for retraining and had requested just about anything outside of medical. Obviously the Air Force did not feel the same way, so once again I was put into a medical field. My first thought was, "Dang it, I guess I'm getting out." My second thought was, "Maybe I should give it a try since I don't have a degree yet. I definitely don't want to fall back on my previous career field." Then my third thought came along while I was watching television and I thought about how much I missed my family, the beautiful Florida weather and the blue-green water. "Maybe I should go home." A few days later I drove by the wing headquarters, saw the United States Flag flowing in the wind and I got teary eyed. I thought of

not being in uniform anymore and never presenting military honors again; whether it's to a deserving family of a fallen Airman or Soldier, or to a crowd of people ready to watch a monster truck show. I realized then how much the job of serving my country and representing all of those who served really means to me. I've never gotten emotional over leaving a job. Maybe that means I belong in the Air Force – serving our country and fighting for freedom next to all of you. I am nervous that I may not like my new career field since it is not the mechanical or electronic career I was hoping for, I am excited to know that I will always be a part of the mission and I will always be able to participate in or at least support the Honor Guard.

We have had some great Airmen on Honor Guard who believe in it and want to set the highest example. I was on a detail in Tennessee honoring a fallen veteran with Senior Airman Shane Skaggs, 14th Comptroller Squadron and Senior Airman Jon Stenstad, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron. We all decided to buy lottery tickets and split the proceeds if we happened to win. We came up with the idea to use a portion of our winnings to get rid of the Honor Guard shack and build an Honor Guard mansion. We also wanted to purchase a tour bus, with a driver of course, for the numerous Honor Guard trips we take a year. Unfortunately we didn't win but it was a nice thought. One of the best details I did was at a monster truck rally in Memphis. Myself, Senior Airman Sherri Tucker, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Senior Airman William Naron, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Wesley Filkins, 14th Medical Operations Squadron presented colors with Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher, 14th Mission Support Squadron, in charge. A bright spotlight took us

by surprise and the music "I Am Proud to be an American" played as we marched out to the center of the dark arena. After the national anthem the crowd went wild. Let me tell you, we felt like ROCKSTARS!

FOR THE HONOR GUARD MEMBERS: It was an honor to work with you and I hold you all in high regards for your commitment and dedication to the Honor Guard. Always remember, the Honor Guard is a family so take care of each other. Remember there are times to cut up and have fun and there are others when you need to be serious and full of pride. Lastly, love what you do and appreciate those who appreciate you. It will shine through and the Honor Guard will look sharper than ever.

EVERYONE: Don't be an automatic follower, choose carefully those you wish to emulate. I have learned a lot from many different examples of how to live one's life. Had I followed some of them, it probably would have led to a dishonorable discharge. It is better to choose carefully who you will follow. Use your time with them to learn and grow towards a beneficial goal. If you follow the right people, you may trip when they trip; but if you pay attention you will expand your knowledge and have a more successful journey. I have gained a lot of insight from the good and bad examples but I am not done learning and never will be. Surely, I will trip-up myself but each time it will be easier to pick myself up.

I want to thank all of you for serving our country. Your sacrifice, dedication, and loyalty does not go unnoticed. Many people look up to you, from toddlers to our elders. Please continue to make them proud.

All your support, encouragement and positive influence helped in my decision to reenlist. Thank you. I would love to have all of you present at my reenlistment ceremony at 2 p.m. today at Sac Lake.

Asian-Pacific Americans: adding to the American mosaic

Joseph LaVille
Office of Special Investigations

INCIRLIK AB, Turkey -- An area studies professor asked our class to describe the "Asian-Pacific culture."

As we tried, we had to account for the largest landmass and ocean area in the world. We also had to keep in mind individuals from nearly 30 different countries and countless islands, each with a unique historical and cultural heritage.

Some used descriptions such as family-centric, studious, hardworking, money-saving and mainly Oriental. However, the more we discussed, the more we realized that it is an amazingly large area with great diversity.

So, how is it possible to write a short

article about a very diverse group in recognition of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month?

Let's start with the official celebration of Asian-Pacific American heritage. It began in 1978, but was celebrated for only one week in May. The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was enacted by Public Law on Oct. 28, 1992. The purpose was to honor the achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans and to recognize their contributions to the United States.

The month of May was selected for this recognition because two significant events in history took place in that month: Japanese immigrants first arrived in the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and the transcontinental railroad was com-

pleted on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day) by a majority of Chinese immigrants.

Asian-Pacific Americans have added to the American mosaic. The Chinese were the first Asians to arrive in large numbers in the 1800s, with a boom during the California gold rush. Another large group was the Japanese, but mainly in Hawaii and California. At the beginning of the 1900s, Filipinos began to immigrate in significant numbers after the Philippines came under U.S. control following the Spanish-American War.

Asian-Pacific immigration continues from just about every country. Today, there are more than 13 million Americans who claim their heritage to be Asian-Pacific.

One article cannot cover all the aspects of a diverse group like the Asian-Pacific Americans. The month of May is your chance to learn about their heritage.

Hurricane season isn't over

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season and it will run throughout Nov. 30. Although Columbus AFB is located 196 nautical miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, it is still affected by tropical systems – as witnessed last year by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Dennis, Cindy and Arlene. Hurricane Katrina brought 50 knot wind gusts with 5.78 inches of rain to Columbus AFB as well as extensive damage to the coast.

While hurricanes such as Katrina are the exception rather than the norm, the possibility of another major hurricane reaching this far inland this season are nonetheless possible. The 2005 tropical season was the most active on record with 28 named storms. This year is forecasted to be another above normal year for hurricanes. Drs. Bill Gray and Philip Klotzbach from Colorado State University have predicted 17 named storms, nine hurricanes and five major hurricanes for the 2006 season. September is the most favorable month for tropical systems affecting Columbus AFB as depicted by monthly historical record below. However, Tropical systems can affect Columbus AFB every month during hurricane season.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami is responsible for monitoring and forecasting tropical cyclones in the Atlantic and Northeast Pacific basin east of 140 West. Links to the hurricane center forecasts are accessible through the Columbus weather intranet site <https://columbusweb>. Extensive Columbus AFB hurricane climatological data can be found on the Columbus weather intranet site as well. Additionally, the weather flight provides a five day forecast with a tropical update on both the intranet and public sites. The weather forecasts can be accessed by using the two links at the top right side of the Columbus AFB public home page (www.columbus.af.mil).

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale is a one to five hurricane strength rating, based on the hurricane's present wind speed. This scale is used to estimate the potential

property damage and storm surge flooding expected from hurricane landfall.

Storm surge is the most damaging aspect of a hurricane, by far. The winds on the eastern side of the hurricane continuously push water towards the shore. The waves pile higher and higher on top of each other, reinforcing the destructive strength of the storm surge.

Category One Hurricane:

- * Winds 74 to 95 mph.
- * Storm surge generally four to five feet above normal.
- * No real damage to building structures. Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery and trees. Some damage to poorly constructed signs.
- * Some coastal road flooding and minor pier damage.

Category Two Hurricane:

- * Winds 96 to 110 mph.
- * Storm surge generally six to eight feet above normal.
- * Some roofing material, door and window damage of buildings. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees with some trees blown down. Considerable damage to mobile homes, poorly constructed signs and piers.
- * Coastal and low-lying escape routes flood two to four hours before arrival of the hurricane center.
- * Small craft in unprotected anchorages break moorings.

Category Three Hurricane:

- * Winds 111 to 130 mph.
- * Storm surge generally nine to 12 feet above normal.
- * Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings with a minor amount of curtainwall failures. Damage to shrubbery and trees with foliage blown off trees and large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly constructed signs are destroyed.
- * Low-lying escape routes are cut by rising water three to five hours before arrival of the center of the hurricane.
- * Flooding near the coast destroys

smaller structures with larger structures damaged by battering from floating debris.

- * Terrain continuously lower than five feet above mean sea level may be flooded inland eight miles or more.
- * Evacuation of low-lying residences with several blocks of the shoreline may be required.

Category Four Hurricane:

- * Winds 131 to 155 mph.
- * Storm surge generally 13 to 18 feet above normal.
- * More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failures on small residences. Shrubs, trees and all signs are blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Extensive damage to doors and windows.
- * Low-lying escape routes may be cut by rising water three to five hours before arrival of the center of the hurricane.
- * Major damage to lower floors of structures near the shore. Terrain lower than 10 feet above sea level may be flooded requiring massive evacuation of residential areas as far inland as six miles.

Category Five Hurricane:

- * Winds greater than 155 mph.
- * Storm surge generally greater than 18 feet above normal.
- * Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. All shrubs, trees and signs blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Severe and extensive window and door damage.
- * Low-lying escape routes are cut by rising water three to five hours before arrival of the center of the hurricane. Major damage to lower floors of all structures located less than 15 feet above sea level and within 500 yards of the shoreline.
- * Massive evacuation of residential areas on low ground within five to 10 miles of the shoreline may be required.

For more information, call Ext. 2992. *(Courtesy of the 14th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight)*



HURCONS

HURCON conditions advise the base community on hurricanes that are approaching or forecasted to affect Columbus AFB.

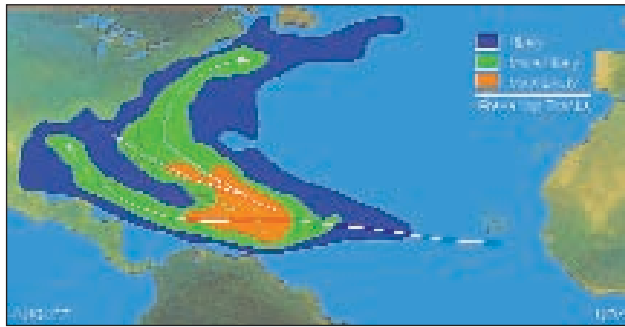
The following is a list of HURCON definitions:

HURCON 4: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible at Columbus AFB within 72 hours.

HURCON 3: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible at Columbus AFB within 48 hours.

HURCON 2: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible at Columbus AFB within 24 hours.

HURCON 1: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible at Columbus AFB within 12 hours.



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Skate Zone trip: Today is the last day ages 5 and older can register at the youth center for this trip from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$7 per person. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

New Friday catfish lunch buffet: The Columbus Club's all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for Friday features Southern fried catfish, country fried steak with gravy, golden cut corn, cole slaw, garden green salad, fried hush puppies, seasoned new potatoes and assorted home baked cakes. Cost is \$5.50 per person and includes your beverage.

The club offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday's entrees are meat loaf and pork chops, Wednesday features fried chicken and smoked brisket, Thursday is barbecue pork ribs and chicken wings. Call Ext. 2490.

Mothers Day champagne Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Seatings are between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. People are encouraged to call for reservations to ensure that the club will be prepared to accommodate their party. Cost is \$10.95 for members and \$13.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. Call Ext. 2490.

Auto hobby shop special: The auto hobby shop offers an oil change and tire rotation for \$26 or an oil change, tire rotation and balance for \$40. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

Quick shot bingo: The club offers this program during lunch at the Columbus Club, during Boss and Buddy Thursday nights in the Landing Lounge and from 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays at the Enlisted Lounge. Cost is \$1 per card and pays from \$3 to \$1,000 for winning combinations. Call Ext. 2490.

The bowling center also offers its own version of quick shot bingo which pays from \$5 to \$500 for a winning combination. Cost is \$1 per card. Play anytime the bowling center is open. Call Ext. 2425 for more information.

Chill out at the Daily Grind: The Daily Grind, located in the Fitness Center, offers Starbucks coffees and beverages as well as soft serve with fresh fruit, granola and various toppings. The Daily Grind is open Monday through

Breakfast burrito



Jackie Henderson prepares a burrito for a customer at the bowling center's Strike Zone. Burritos are \$1.50 each and can be purchased at the bowling center or from the bowling center's burrito truck which has a route throughout the base starting at 6:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Call Ext. 2426 for more information.

Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Ext. 2772.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. A free taco bar is available for club members and nonmembers pay \$3.95. Wings are 25-cents each for club members and 50-cents for nonmembers from 4 to 7 p.m. Beverage specials are also available. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Season pool passes on sale now: Outdoor recreation is now accepting reservations for pool parties and swimming lessons and selling season pool passes to families. Independence Pool opens May 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is open seven days a week.

Season pool passes for club members

are \$15 for one person, \$25 for two persons of the same family, \$35 for three persons, \$45 for four persons and free for additional family members or children 5 and younger.

Season passes for nonmembers is \$20 for one person, \$30 for two persons of the same family, \$40 for three people, \$50 for four people and free for additional family members or children 5 and younger. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Teen dance and lock-in: The youth center offers this program for teens May 19. The dance is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. The overnight lock-in ends at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Cost is \$7 for the dance and lock-in. Participants must register by Thursday in the youth center office. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center's upcoming crafts classes for May feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include a three-piece jewelry set, a patio stone using a paver, a bird feeder, a mosaic tray and a patriotic "America" yard sign.

The youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include a welcome spring sign for the door, a Mother's Day gift, a kaleidoscope, a patio stone and sidewalk paint.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby. Participants must register at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Bicycle ride to SAC Lake: This youth center "Fit Factor" event is from 5 to 7 p.m. May 27 for ages 6 to 13. Bring snacks and a water bottle and plan on taking a walk on the nature trail. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Club membership drive: Don't miss out on weekly club membership drawings for \$20 in club bucks. Drawings are held every Monday. On June 1 there will be two drawings for a \$250 club credit: One for new members enrolling during the membership drive and one for all current members. Call Ext. 2489.

Paintball birthday parties: The paintball field can be reserved for birthday celebrations, grudge matches or organizational play. Cost for groups of 10 or more is \$15 per person. Groups with less than 10 people must pay \$20 per person.

Cost includes range fee, marker, mask, body armor, carbon dioxide and 200 paintballs. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Breakfast burritos: The bowling center's breakfast burrito trucks delivers breakfast burritos weekdays from 6:30 to 9 a.m. with stops at the 37th, 41st, 50 FTS, Dyncorp, OSS, 48 FTS, CE housing, CE/Services Building, and Military Personnel building. Call Ext. 2426 for more information.

Self help car wash: There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on Ninth Street. Cost is \$1 for five minutes and a quarter for each additional minute for an extended wash. Call Ext. 7842.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the Services Complex
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship service at the chapel
Monday:
7 p.m. — Officer Christian Fellowship
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — OASIS at the Phillips Auditorium
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study at chapel annex
6 p.m. — Navigator Study at chapel annex

For more information about Jewish Islamic, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Vacation Bible School

The Columbus AFB Chapel Vacation Bible School is from 9 a.m. to noon June 5 through June 9. This year's theme is "Fiesta," where ages 4 to 12 can get fired up about Jesus. Parents can register their children at the chapel now. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Daisy Lebron at Ext. 2500.

Base Notes

Student spouse enrollment

East Mississippi Community College has designated a registration window from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 30 for student pilot spouses who wish to enroll in the Student Pilot Spouse Listening Program on the Golden Triangle campus this summer. Cost is \$50 per course, and a list of classes is available at www.eastms.edu. Those interested should call Monica Engel at 243-2672 or Linda Gates at 243-1978 between 8 a.m. and noon May 22 through May 25 to schedule a registration appointment for May 30.

Columbus AFB Autocross

The next base autocross will be held May 20 and May 21 at the old Strategic Air Command ramp. Any type of car or tuck is allowed as long as it has four

wheels and is in good mechanical condition. No experience is needed, and participants may race on either or both days. Pre registration is highly encouraged at <http://www.msscca.org>. Cost for Military and Sports Car Club of America members is \$20 for one day, and \$35 for both days. Cost for non-military is \$30 for one day and \$50 for both. All cars must be taken to technical inspection between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. May 20. Racing begins at 10:30 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. May 20 and 8:30 a.m. until noon on May 21. Food and beverages will be available for purchase May 20. For more information, call 1st Lt. Todd Salzwedel at Ext. 7191 or e-mail todd.salzwedel@columbus.af.mil.

Student Spouse social

Student spouses past, present and future are invited to a picnic at the park on Capitol Avenue in Capital Village Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Allison Adair at 434-8714 or e-mail her at allison_adair@yahoo.com.

Cell phones while driving

Effective immediately, people driving on base while talking on a cell phone will now be ticketed; no more warnings will be issued. For more information, call the 14th Security Forces Squadron at Ext. 7128.

Thrift Shop

Columbus AFB Thrift Shop is now accepting consignments Tuesdays and Thursdays until one hour before closing. The Thrift Shop is located at Building 345 C Street and is open Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Give Parents a Break

This free childcare is offered from 5 to 11 p.m. May 20. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours. Families must be

Tax rewards



Capt. Josh Goins, 14th Flying Training Wing, assists Marti Myers-Garver, 14th FTW, with food during a barbecue held in appreciation of all those who volunteered at the base tax center. The tax center saved \$280,000 in tax preparation fees and about \$2 million in tax refunds for the BLAZE TEAM.

referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the family support center or child development center. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the CDC at Ext. 2479.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Bundles of Joy

A workshop for active-duty Air Force

spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or younger is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Speakers will provide information about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. The Air Force Aid Society provides a gift package valued at more than \$65.

Hearts Apart social

A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. May 25. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

WIC

Representatives from Women, Infants & Children will visit Columbus AFB May 23. Active-duty military personnel and family members who are pregnant or have children younger than 5 years old can make appointments to meet with a WIC representative on base to determine eligibility and/or receive vouchers for food supplements. Eligibility is based on income and number of family members. To make an appointment, call Ext. 2790.

Peabody Hotel rooftop parties: Now through August, the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., features rooftop parties from 6 to 11 p.m. every Thursday. Admission is \$5 per person.

The tradition of rooftop parties at The Peabody began in the 1930s and continues today as the social event of the season with live music, dancing, cocktails and views of the Mississippi River. For more information, visit www.peabodymemphis.com.

Spring recital: All are invited to Ballet Columbus' spring recital "To the Ends of the Earth" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus. Admission is free. For more information, call Jennifer Colquitt at 328-2141.

Tupelo Hog Roast: This outdoor barbecue for the public is from 5 p.m. to midnight today and Saturday at the MS

Furniture Building in Tupelo, Miss. Cost is \$6 for adults and admission for ages 6 and younger is free.

Today is pot luck night with red beans and rice, crawfish, smoked bologna, chicken and cornbread. Saturday is pork barbecue, corn on the cob, chop-chop style beans, coleslaw, and bread. Coolers and lawn chairs are allowed, but no glass items. For more information, call (662) 365-7659.

Pioneer music: A free program featuring traditional music by the North Mississippi Dulcimer Association is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Natchez Trace Parkway visitor center located at milepost 266 near Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (662) 680-4027.

Strong Muscles, Strong Heart: The National Association of Letter Carriers and United Way will sponsor a food drive at 5:30 p.m. at the Bluecutt Post Office Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help load donations into

vehicles to deliver to United Way Agencies Safe Haven, Helping Hands and the Salvation Army. Some heavy lifting is required, and volunteers with trucks will be of extra help. For more information, call 327-0807.

Memphis In May: This month-long celebration includes International Week now through Sunday, a World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest May 18 through May 20 and the Sunset Symphony May 27.

Costa Rican singer-songwriter Luis Angel Castro will perform at 7 p.m. tonight at the STAX Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Tenn. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 9 to 12, and admission for seniors and active-duty military personnel is \$8. Costa Rican food and beverages will compliment the concert. The Juan Manuel Sanchez Marimba Exhibit will also be open in the museum gallery. For more information, visit www.memphisinmay.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one) Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Fancy footwork



Senior Airman Cecilia Rodríguez

Children from the 5 to 7 year old base soccer league chase the ball downfield. The youth center will host a British Soccer Training Camp June 19 through June 23 for ages 4 and older. To register, visit www.challengersports.com. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Sports Shorts

Baseball registration

The youth center holding sign-ups for baseball and t-ball now through May 20. Cost is \$25 for youth center members and \$30 for nonmembers. Ages 3 and 4 will participate in a clinic, ages 5 to 7 will play t-ball, ages 8 to 10 will play coaches' pitch and ages 11 to 13 will play kids' pitch. The baseball season will begin May 30 and end June 30. Coaches are still needed. Call Ext. 2504.

Softball umpires needed

Softball umpires are needed to register with the Amateur Softball Association for a fee of \$35 to officiate the base intramural league May

through July. Scorekeepers are also needed. For more information, call Frank Solorio at 364-0414.

Physicals

The 14th Medical Group will conduct sports and camp physicals May 20 at the Columbus AFB Clinic. Children must be at least 4 years old. To make an appointment, call the clinic at 434-2273 or go to www.tricareonline.com and select "school physicals" as the visit reason.

Trap and skeet range

This range opens at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$3 for 25 rounds. Membership is \$30 for one year or \$75 for three years. For more information, call Ext. 2507.



Volleyball Schedule

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. 14th CS vs. 14th MSS
6:30 p.m. 14th OSS Team B vs. 14th SFS
7:30 p.m. 41st FTS vs. 14th MSS

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. 14th CS vs. 14th OSS Team A
6:30 p.m. 14th CPTS vs. 48th FTS
7:30 p.m. 14th CES vs. 14th OSS Team B

Thursday

5:30 p.m. 14th CPTS vs. 14th MSS
6:30 p.m. 14th CS vs. 48th FTS
7:30 p.m. 41st FTS vs. 14th OSS Team A

Falcons wrap up season at twilight track, field meet

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force track and field team wrapped up the 2006 regular season hosting the Ris Westen Twilight Invitational at the Academy May 5.

Senior Genelle Chapman picked up a pair of first-place finishes as one of 14 Falcons to win an event at the annual end-of-season meet.

Chapman, a Colorado Springs native, picked up a first-place mark in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.58 seconds and won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.56. In addition, four other seniors claimed first-place marks in their final regular season contests.

Amy Gilliland cleared the bar at 11feet 1 3/4 inches to win the pole vault, while Dana Pounds recorded a distance of 185'10" to easily claim the javelin title. Fellow senior Jason Jones claimed the top mark in the men's pole vault after clearing 15'1" to tie with sophomore Joel Nolan and senior Dan St. Clair won the discus behind a throw of 167'9".

Eight other Falcons earned first-place finishes. Sophomore Kelly Robinson won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.46, while junior Casey Johnson recorded a triple jump distance of 38'3 1/4". In addition to tying for first in the pole vault, Nolan used a season-best time of 15.34 to win the 110-meter hurdles. Sophomore Kenny Grosselin clocked a 9:08.99 to win the 3,000-meter run, while classmate John Payne clocked a career-best 54.73 win in the 400-meter dash. Junior Olivia Korte won the discus throw with a toss of 141', while freshman Addison Schenk jumped 46'2" to win the triple jump.

In addition to the 14 first-place finishes, Air Force Falcons accounted for 20 other top-three marks collecting two of the top three spots in 10 events.

Senior Jen Neville and sophomore Kim Brady finished second and third in the 400-meter hurdles; clocking respective times of 66.17 and 66.35. Falcons also earned second and third-place marks in the high jump, as junior Dawn Higginbotham tallied a height of 5'3" and classmate Lindsay Bengard cleared the bar at 5'1". Fellow junior Olivia Korte tossed a season-best 162'4" in the hammer throw to finish second, while senior Kristine Muth threw a 143'3" to finish third. Junior Brandon Murphy recorded a 195'8" to take second in the javelin throw, while classmate Marcus Wells finished third at 193'2".

Behind Chapman's victory in the 100-meter dash, junior Ayana Floyd-James finished third with a time of 12.82. Classmate Becky Stone cleared a 10'2" in the pole vault to finish second to Gilliland. Freshman Yvonne Johnston finished third in the javelin throw with a throw of 130'2". Muth also picked up a third-place mark of 116'3" in the discus throw to finish third to Korte.

Freshman Skylar Morgan clocked a time of 15.83 in the 110-meter hurdles to finish third behind Nolan, while sophomore David Lissy tossed a 154'3" to take third in the discus throw.

Floyd-James also clocked a time of 26.64 to finish third in the 200-meter dash, while Korte used a 42'8 3/4" in the shot put to place second. On the men's side, freshman Greg Smith took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.47, while classmate Sebastian Ortiz finished second in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:04.05. Junior Bryan Jones recorded a distance of 49'6 1/2" in the shot to take second, while senior Chikaodi Akalaonu registered the same finish in the hammer throw behind a season-best 172'10".

Air Force heads to Provo, Utah, May 10 to 13 for the 2006 Mountain West Conference Championships. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*